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### The Prayer of the Apostle Paul

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### PRAYER OF THE MESSENGER PAUL

Grant me your mercy.  
My redeemer, redeem me,  
for I am yours.

I came from you.  
You are my mind:  
give me birth.

You are my treasure:  
open for me.

You are my fullness:  
accept me.

You are my rest:  
give me unlimited perfection.

I pray to you,  
you who exist and preexisted,  
in the name exalted above every  
name,  
through Jesus the anointed,  
lord of lords,  
king of the eternal realms.  
Give me your gifts, with no  
regret,  
through the human child,  
the spirit,  
the advocate of truth.

Give me authority, I beg of you,  
give healing for my body, as I  
beg you,  
through the preacher of the  
gospel,  
and redeem my enlightened soul  
forever, and my spirit,  
and disclose to my mind the  
firstborn of the fullness of grace.

Grant what eyes of angels have  
not seen,  
what ears of rulers have not  
heard,  
and what has not arisen in the  
hearts of people,  
who became angelic,  
and after the image of the  
animate god  
when it was formed in the  
beginning.  
I have the faith of hope.

And bestow upon me  
your beloved, chosen, blessed  
majesty,  
you who are the firstborn, the  
first-conceived,  
and the wonderful mystery of  
your house.

For yours is the power and the  
glory and the praise and the  
greatness,  
forever and ever.

Amen.

Prayer of Paul (the) Apostle [or,  
Messenger].  
In Peace.  
Christ is holy.

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